Respectfully, THOMAS N. CONRAD, Pres't. Va. Ag. & Mech. College, Feb 9th, '82. Blacksburg, Va Blacksburg, Va.

Prof. L. Lee Dye and wife, accompanied by Messrs. Charlie and Wille Vincent, left Fall Branch, Tenn., on the 12th inst. for Collier county, Texas, which place they will make their future home. Prof. Dye was Principal of the Masonic Institute at Fall United States District Judge, Eastern Branch for some time, and is a gen- District of North Carolina, Wi diam F. tleman of rare qualities, and fine at-tainments as a scholar. We heartily Paster, United States Attorney Western Clain, United States Attorney Middle commend him and his excellent wife District of Tennessee. to the citizens of the community to which he has gone. They have many friends in East Tenn. and Southwest Va., who regret to part with them. ED. NEWS.

[COMMUNICATED.] HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, D. C., Feb. 11th, '82)

To the Editor of the Bristol News: For the information of the large num-ber of people who are dependent on the route between Bristol and Estillville for by reason of the failure of the "pro-tessional bidder," who had secured the service on that route, I will thank you to publish the enclosed letter of 2nd Assistand P. M. General Elmer.
The trouble on this route grows out of

the vicious sub-contract system, and the law compelling the P. O. Department to accept the lowest bid in all cases, without exception. Under this system the route in question, and many others in different parts of the United States, were let to a "professional bidder" in the mountains of Ky, to the exclusion of local bidders who knew the actual cost of the service on this route, and bid accordingly. The business of all classes of the Public States, be-Ing largely dependent on the postal service, the P.O. Department should be conducted on purely business principles.

This is not so. This department is a political machine. While it is expected that the Head of the Department will be in accord with the Administration, the herd of the subordinate Departments and the chief clerks should be appointed and the chief clerks should be appointed with a view to qualification, and removable only on cause. I know this idea conflicts with the established theory, "to the victor belongs the spoils," still permanency in the business bureaus of the Post office Department, would greatly promote the interests of all classes of people in the United States.

Measures are now before Congress to

and Mr. Pettibone) that there was no a weight much greater than her body, service being performed on the route

The P. M's. were immediately written to for report, and under date of Dec. 18, the P. M. at Bristol informed this office that service had been abandoned by the

that service had been abandoned by the sub-contractor on the 23d Nov. '81.

Upon receipt of this report the Dept. at once took such action in the case as the law authorizes, i. e. instructed the P. M. at the head of the route to employ temporary service at a rate not to exceed the last preceding contract, which was 4693 per annum, and which is the maximum am't allowed by law to be paid for such service.

I time the woman has been absolutely unable to assume any other than a sitting posture, the very set of lying down making death certain by suffocation.

Dr. Goodell, after administering elther, placed the insenable subject in the best position her great bulk would permit and made the incision. The keen-edged knife sank deep into the flesh and the deft fingers of the skilled surgeon were busy in separating the tumor from the

csipt of said report (Jan. 5, '82) the service was effered up, allowing 10 days for the reception of bids. The ten days expired the löth ult., but at your request, in order that bids might be received from certain local men, action was delayed until the 17th ult., when the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Vincent Boring, from Feb. 1, 1882, at \$770 per annum. Subsequently Mr. Boring asked to be allowed until the 15th inst. In which to commence the service. This asked to be allowed until the 15th inst. In which to commence the service. This request was deemed reasonable, and it was believed that service would be put on the route in less time, by acceding to Mr. B's, request, rather than go through the form required by another re-letting, so he was allowed the additional time asked for, but was informed that if he falled to provide the service by that date, he would be declared a falling bidder, and the route would be re-let as his expresse.

Twill say just here, that sluce you called, a latter has been received from Mr. Boering stating that he would surely commence the service as agreed, and I am persuaded, from past experience with him as a contractor, that he will carry out his contract even though he should lose money by it.

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R. V Pierce, M. D.: Dear sir-My wife, who had been ill for over two years, and had tried many other medicions, became sound and well by using your "Favorite Prescription." My carry out his contract even though he should lose money by it.

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Yours truly, Thomas J. Methylin.

HATCHER'S STATION, Ga., March 27, 1876.

R. V Pierce, M. D.: Dear sir-My wife, who had been ill for over two years, and had tried many other medicions. The new Scientific American offices are located at 261 Broadway, corner of Warren Street, a very central and excellent situation. The new building from the types, plates.

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BRISTOL, VIRGINIA & TENNESSEE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1882.

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yourself and Mr. Pettibone have kept this troublesome matter so constantly before the Dept., and regret exceedingly that by reason of the limits prescribed by law, it has been entirely out of my power to do more or other than has been done to remedy the evil.

You can rest assured that I am as dedeportment, attention to study, high strous as you can possibly be, to secure for your people the regular service on this route, to which they are entitled, him. He had the confidence of all, which the law will permit to accomplish tudents and teachers, and we are this result as speedily as possible. If you will examine the laws enacted by Congress, by which of course this department must be governed in its action tation of his friends, having in cases of this kind, I am sure you ucted "Masonic Institute" with must admit that in this case the Dep't. we regret to know that we are to lose distributions with the difficulties so justly complained of, and that, too, without any a roldable delay.

Very respectfully, R. A. ELMER. Second Ass't. P. M. General. To Hon. A. Fulkerson,
House of Hepresentatives,
Washington, D. C.

New Nominations.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The president nominated John C. New of Indiana

Bishop Wightman Dead.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 15 .- Bishop Wiliam May Wightman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his residence in this city this a. m., after an illness of over 18 months, aged 74. He was licensed to preach in 1827, and was succes-sively Professor in Randolph Macon College, Va., editor of the Christian Advocate and President of Wofford College, S. C., Chancellor of the University at Greensboro, Ala. He mail service, and have been deprived of was elected a Bishop in 1866. He all mail facilities for the last two months was a fine scholar and a pulpit orator of rare power, and was immensely

Vennor's Latest Bulletin.

MONTREAL, QUEBEC, February, 14 ·Vennor predicts for the close of the present week storms of great severity of the opinion that March will enter exceedingly rough and with heavy snowfalls from St. Lawrence to very southern points.

A Tumor Weighing 112 Pounds. REMARKABLE SURGICAL OPERATION AT

THE HOSPITAL OF THE UNIVERSITY. yesterday afternoon, where Dr. William and Mr. Petitione have so repeatedly called to see me, permit me to say, that the contract for this route was originally let to J. S. Litton, at \$651 per annum, and he sub-let it to S. A. & W. H. Smith at around as she was in stature. The cause around as she was in stature. About the 8th of Dec. complaint was made to this office (I think by yourself rian tumor, which had already attained

mum am't allowed by law to be paid for such service.

The contractor was also notified to resume the service by Jan. 1, 1882. Under date of Jan. 1, '82, the P. M. respected that the contractor had failed to resume, and immediately upon the receipt of said report (Jan. 5, '82) the service was offered up, allowing 10 days for the service was offered up, allowing 10 days for the service was offered up, allowing 10 days for the service was offered up, allowing 10 days for the service was offered up, allowing 10 days for the self-led surgeon were busy in separating the tumor from the busy in separating the tumor from the law is the law in the self-led surgeon were busy in separating the tumor from the law is the law is the law in the self-led in a tuly of the largest size, and filled the vessel within three inches of the top. The tumor was then placed upon the scales and was associated to the service was offered up, allowing 10 days for the service of the service by Jan. 1, 1882. Under the service by Jan. 1, 1882. Under

was gently lifted to the scales and was found to weigh but seventy-five pounds, or thirty-seven less than the mass just taken from her body.

On fecovering consciousness the patient could scarcely express the sense of relief she experienced. The absence of the weight that had been a burden to her for so many years was so novel and yet so pleasant that she was comparatively buoyant in spirit. Dr. Goodell, when the woman had been carefully placed in bed, expressed the belief that she would live.—Philadelphia times.

"Became Sound And Well," HATCHER'S STATION, Ga., The Court in Banc.

The assassin's recent reference to his hopes of relief from the court in banc has moved several correspondents to ask the World what this expression means. It simply means a full court sitting for the determination of questions of law exclu-sively, as distinguished from the court sitting to determine questions of fact— in which latter case the court is called a court in nisi prius. Bane is the old com-uon-law word for "bench." In the in-fancy of the common law the king sat on a the bench and dispensed or dispensed with (as the case might be) justice to his people. In Guitean's case Judge Cox held a court in hisi prius to con-vict Guiteau, and Judges Carter, Wylie, Humphreys, McArthur, and Hagner, of the District of Columbia Court, will hold the court in banc to hear the appellate law questions in Gulteau's case.-N. 1'. World.

Buried Continents-Changes in the map of Europe.

The indications of bureid continents in the Atlantic, moreover, are so marked as to establish a presumption that the Atlantis of Plate was a solid geographical reality. In fact, according to the best calculations, it will take only a million rears for the Mississippi river to fill the Gulf of Mexico. Commenting on these and kindred facts in a review of Professor Winchell's latest work, the New York Star says: One of our difficulties, growing out of the the limitations of the human mind, in dealing with the phenom-ens of the globe, is to grasp geological time—and one of the essays in the volume deals with this subject in a fresh and helpful way. People found it hard to realize that they are living in the midst of terrestrial revolutions; that the Orient and Occident were united by an isthmus which held the place of Behring's Strait; that the Yellow Sea, was dry land; that since man first appeared in Europe the North Sea has been solid Formed to the Continent twice or more.

Europe was populated before the begining of continental glaciation when Great
Britain was a part of the Continent.

A substance of some 1,300 feet isolated but then they have also Great Britain from the Continent. The next change annexed it to France and Holland and made the bottom of the North Sea dry, and Scandinavia was a continuation of Scotland.—Continental Europe stretched to Ireland, Greenland and Spitzbergen, where the climate was mild and the vegetation of the temperate zone flourished. The rivers of England were branches of the Rhine, which joined the ocean in the latitude of the Faror islands. Afterward the continental glaciers dissolved, a subsidence suc-ceded, the climate grewcold and humid, immense marshes formed in northern slowly merge into the historic period. and often by seconds, to take such vast

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An Orange Wrapping in Florida. Last night our party of tourists went to an "orange wrapping." A large warehouse belonging to the Wilkinson Pale and pinched in features, a woman of large proportion was carried into the clinic-room of the University Hospital ed. In one corner of the room there were huge boxes filled with oranges. westerday afternoon, where Dr. William Goo, iell was busy arranging a case of glittering surgical instruments subsequently opposed by the syndicates of "Professional Bidders," and I cannot foretell their fate.

Respectfully, A. Felkerson

Washingtos, D.C., Feb. 11, 1882.

Sir:

In response to your personal request for a written atstement showing the action taken by this Dept. in the matter of fallure of service on route 11333, Estill-ville to Bristoi, about which yourself and Mr. Pettibone have so repeatedly called to see me, permit me to say, that the contract for this route was originally let. crates. Each orange was placed in the crate separately, being packed in close rows. A crate bolds from 120 to 140 oranges, and sells here for about \$3. The oranges are not brought direct from the grove to the packing-house, but rest process before they are ready for ship-

The scene in the wrapping house was a pretty one. The golden fruit, piled in rich profusion, the men and boys laughing as they handled it so rapidly, the orderly crates with their tempting contents, a loan of placement. tents, a heap of pineapples in an odd corner, filling the room with their ex-quisite flavor, buge bunches of bananas with just a fleek of yellow here and there amid the green, clean-looking lemone almost as large as the oranges heape off to themselves, great citrons with their royal gold color, groups of boatmen and hunters with their awarthy faces and picturesque attire leading a hand wherever it was needed, a negro with a banjo strumming rude tunes to which crowd gave casual accompaniment, the ladies watching euriously and sampling an orange now and then-these were some of the elements that made up the scene—the whole being enlivened with the haste and bustle of getting ready against the next day's boat and having the fruit ready to go out with the ship.-Florida Letter in Atlanta Constitution.

Offices We are glad to announce that the Scientific American came out of the late fire in New York, like the fabled Phosnix, with renewed life. The ambscrip-tion lists, account books, patent records, patent drawings, and correspondence was preserved in massive fire-proof safes. The printing of the Scientific American and Supplement was done in another building; consequently the types, plates, presses, paper, etc., were unharmed, and no interruption of business was occa-

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All human souls have their heights, out then they have also their morasses, their pits. A frequent mounting an 4 1881 tf. upwards, or a more constant abode upon these heights, is the stipulated condition of man's proximity to

Science, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1879. I am the Pastor of the Baptist Church here, and an educated physician. I am not in practice, but am my sole family physician, and advise in many chronic Over a year ago I recommended your Hop Bitters to my invalid wife who has been under medical treatment of six of Albany's best physicians several years. She has become thoroughly ses by their use. them to our friends, many of whom have also been cured of their various altments by them. REV. E. R. WARREN.

> The Charm of Manner. [Youth's companion.]

A man died a violent death in New York a few years ago, who was known to all the country as a thief, a libertine, a speculative gambler in the most exaggerated degree, and who prided himself on being known as such; yet when he was dead there was a sudden gush of re-

One person told how fond a son he had been to his father. Another how gen-erous was his care of the poor. This man had a story to tell of his jumping from his carriage to help a fallen horse in the road; that, of the pet birds who followed the gambler from room to room of his house, perching on his shoulder eating from his lips. Even good men were so dazzled by

the stuny generosity, the warm sympa-thy, and genial, good comradeship of the man, that they were almost blind, or at least were sflent as to his crimes, until the secular press boldly denounced this false charity, showed its probable effect upon the boys who were just entering life, and labeled the dead man as only successful, open-handed swindler.

Now the point is, if geniality and gen erosity are such good qualities as to lend a gloss to a debased and vicious char-acter, why do not good people use them offener to adorn their real virtues? Nothing is so rare in the world as that inselfish, cordial, good fellowship; that a day or two in the drying-house. There they are spread over lattice shelves interests and feelings of others, which where they go through a "sweating" gave to this unprincipled man his magnetism and influence. so attractive or powerful with every rank

> will be your influence with him. Besides this, it is the right feeling to cultivate towards others, and the right manner to show. Many high principled people do their duty all through life, but with as bard and callons a temper and face as if they were paying a debt of

which they begrudged every penny.
They render their dues, perhaps,
God and to Cæsar, but in rusty, bla metal, instead of sidning, lingling coins. They march alone along the pathway of life wrapped in their own thoughts and purposes, when they ought to be singing

in good company;
Many girls who lack beauty of face. many dult boys, will read this, who are tempted to envy the beauty and cleverness of their companions, but who do not realize that they have within their own reach a real Aladdin's lamp-a sincere cordial manner, an unselfish interest in others - which will not only command The New Scientific American frends for them, but will brighten their own inner lives as no other gift can brighten them.

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